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HOBART TO DEBATE HAMILTON HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Geneva Collegians Start Forensic Season—Personnel of Buff and Blue Team Same as Last Year—Utica Men to Act as Judges

HAMILTON UPHOLDS NEGATIVE

Hamilton's debating team will get into action for the first time this year, next Friday evening, Dec. 7, when it meets the Hobart College team. The question is: Resolved that the power of the Supreme Court to declare federal statutes unconstitutional should be restricted. Restriction: That Congress, by a two-thirds vote of both houses, may overlook the judicial decision provided it is not unanimous.

Hamilton will maintain the negative side of the question. The team is composed of G. Burroughs, '24, A. Lehmnn, '25, G. Perrine, '25, with T. Kirby, '26, as alternate. It is of interest to note that this is the same team which went to Hobart last year. They debated the Allied War Debt Cancellation then, and lost by a two to one decision.

The debate will be staged in Chapel and the first speech will start promptly at 8 p. m. The judges will be Mr. Heiber E. Griffiths and Mr. Gay H. Brown, Utica attorneys, and Rev. Dr. Arnold E. Keller of the Episcopal Church of Utica.

HOCKEY PRACTICE HINDERED BY LACK OF ICE IN RINK

Thorough Drill in Fundamentals Almost Completed by Coach Prettyman—First Game in Three Weeks

After a three-day lay-off, the hockey squad will start practice in earnest this week. There was no practice last Friday or Saturday in order to give the men a chance to recover from the effects of Thanksgiving, but starting today there will be no more let-ups until the Christmas vacation.

With the pre-season work completed and most of the men in good physical condition, Coach Prettyman will be able to devote more of his time to the game itself. Until the formation of ice in the Hockey Building, he will be unable to drill the men in anything but the fundamentals of the game.

For the last three weeks Coach Prettyman has sent the squad through an intensive training. The squad has been divided into two sections, one under the leadership of the Coach, the other under Captain Bates. After roll call, one section prectices puck-shooting in the old library, where a net has been hung for the purpose. The other section practices "dodging" in the hockey rink. After about twenty minutes of this, both squads undergo strenuous exercises. When that work is finished, the men trot around the track eight times and call it a day.

The rink has been flooded and with the approach of cold weather, there should soon be ice. Hamilton will be at a decided disadvantage in some of the early games because of the lateness of the formation of ice. There has been ice in Montreal for several weeks and the University of Montreal, which plays at Clinton on Jan. 5, will be much more at home on the ice than the Buff and Blue team.

As the first game of the season is but little more than two weeks off, Coach Prettyman will have to drive his men hard as soon as they can get on the ice. The first game will be with the Nichols Hockey Club at Buffalo on Dec. 20.

FOILSMEN WORKING HARD UNDER COACH GELAS

Large Number of Men Receiving Individual Instruction—New Supplies Arrive from France—Team to Practice During Vacation

The fencing squad, is having daily workouts in the old Library in preparation for their second season of intercollegiate competition. This will be the third year of training for the men who were started by Coach Gelas when he first introduced fencing to Hamilton. Last year his team, without any previous bout experience, entered competition with some of the strongest teams in the League and made a good showing in all its meets. This season with last year's experience as a background the team ought to finish well up in its class.

All but one of last year's men are back and Coach is working hard to put the team in shape for next year's

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday

College Meeting at 8 o'clock in the Hall of Commons.

Thursday

Choir rehearsal at 7:45 p. m.

Discussion Club meeting at Sigma Phi Hall at 9 o'clock unless otherwise announced.

Friday

Debate in Chapel against Hobart at 8 o'clock. Subject: Restriction of the power of the Supreme Court.

Saturday

Movies in the Hall of Commons at 8 o'clock.

Sunday

Chapel preacher: President Paul D. Moody, D.D., of Middlebury College.

EZRA POUND WRITING POETRY IN PARIS

Famous Alumnus now Residing in French Capitol—Working on New Style of Verse—Works Appear in London Criterion

Hamilton College proudly enrolls the name of Ezra W. Pound, '05, on the list of the distinguished alumni of the College. Yet it has been a common belief of both students and faculty that Pound's connection with the College during his two years at Hamilton was an unhappy one for the poet. Stories declaring that Pound has never forgiven the College for the miserable years he spent on the Hill are current.

But according to Dean A. P. Saunders, who has recently returned from a year's stay in Europe, Pound looks back with love and affection on the years of his college career. Dr. Saunders determined while in Paris to look up an alumnus of the college whose name is so distinguished in the literary world and to present the respects of Hamilton College to the poet.

"Pound received me most warmly and sincerely," Dr. Saunders said. "I saw him for the first time one afternoon last year at tea in his little Paris studio. The room showed the extreme poverty in which Pound is living; his furniture was all hand-made from old packing boxes. The room was decorated with hangings in striking colors. The pictures were rather weird products of the Buddhist-Impressionist school."

Dr. Saunders then proceeded to give a description of Pound's appearance and their first conversation:

"He is rather tall, with a pointed beard and hair long on top but cut close on the sides. I was quite surprised by the eagerness with which he talked of colleges in America in general and of Hamilton in particular. He asked me about some of the professors whom he remembered particularly and was anxious to hear any news about the College. When I asked him if he ever would come back to revisit Hamilton, Pound answered that he was eager to see the College again and hoped to do so when he was better off financially."

Dr. Saunders gave a very interesting account of the work that Pound is doing at present:

"Pound is working hard in his verse to express his ideal, that of having a superposition of his theme. It is an attempt also to bring forward all at once a number of points of view. This is the antithesis of what Browning does in "The Ring and the Book." Pound is at present working on a poem with the story of Sigismunde Malatesta as a background. The poem is being published by cantos as Pound composes it, in the London Criterion, a magazine in which he is greatly interested. The poet is also collecting a polyglot anthology of poems which will contain a large number of works in many languages in the original. Pound, through his knowledge of Spanish, German, Italian, and French is admirably suited for this work."

According to Dean Saunders, Pound is as present devoting a great deal of his time and energy to T. S. Eliot, a young American poet who shows great promise. Eliot is at present working in a bank in Switzerland and Pound is trying to make him financially independent so that he can devote all of his time to his work. Pound believes that Eliot has accomplished what he himself has always been striving for and that Eliot's "Wasteland" is one of the finest bits of American poetry. Dr. Saunders was particularly struck by the generosity of Pound's attitude toward Eliot.

Dr. Saunders found Pound in the midst of an interesting group of Parisian cosmopolitans. Many of his friends were among the more radical element, of which Pound himself is a member. In the year 1922 he was living with a Japanese painter whose paintings adorned the walls of his studio. Pound is always trying to help the young poet out and does not have much use for the old "fogeys."

Dean Saunders voiced a sentiment that would be readily seconded by the entire student body and faculty of the College when he said that he hoped that Pound would come back to his Alma Mater and receive the ovation that is awaiting him.

Changes To Be Proposed For Undergraduate Association

New Competition for Managerships to be Proposed—Letters for Minor Sports—College Meeting to be Held Wednesday to Award Letters and for Annual Elections

Another opportunity to change those sections of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Association dealing with the election of managers and assistant managers will be presented to the student body at the annual fall meeting which will be held Wednesday at 8 p. m. At the same meeting elections of the undergraduate, faculty and alumni members of the Executive Council will take place, and letters will be awarded for fall sports.

The change in the Constitution provides that candidates for managerships work during the entire year. All of the managers and coaches shall then submit their opinions as to the relative merits of the candidates. The first choice of the coaches and managers will then be allowed to select the sport in which he desires to become a manager. The second choice will have second selection and so on. The Executive Council will also submit to the Association a change in the Constitution that would award a minor "H" for minor sports and a managerial and cheerleaders' "H".

The proposed change concerning the election of managers was defeated by a small vote by the Association last June. It was submitted during the final days of college, when many members were absent and, due to lack of time, in a rather rough draft. Since the Executive Council voted to resubmit the plan this year, it has been carefully revised and many of the features objected to last year have been removed.

Here are the two changes as they will be submitted to the Association:

Article IV (from Section G on) shall be changed to read as follows:

G.—Soccer.

To win the soccer "H" a student must have participated in all the intercollegiate games scheduled and played in that sport in one season.

H.—Tennis.

To win the tennis "H" a student must have participated in three-fourths of the intercollegiate matches scheduled and played in that sport in one season.

I.—Managerships.

The managers of athletic teams who complete satisfactorily the work of managing a team shall be awarded the managerial "H".

J.—Cheerleaders.

The reguarly elected varsity cheerleaders who satisfactorily complete the work of one year shall be awarded the cheerleader's "H".

K.—The "H".

1 In Football, Hockey, Basketball, Baseball, Track and Cross Country the "H" shall be a block letter of dimensions as follows: 5½ by 5 inches, the uprights and bar to be one inch wide at the narrowest place, and of either buff or blue color.

2 In Soccer and Tennis the "H" shall be a straight letter of dimensions as follows: 4¾ by 3¼ inches, the uprights and bar to be seven-eights of an inch wide at the narrowest place, and of either buff or blue color.

3 The "H" to be awarded to managers and cheerleaders shall be an old English letter of dimensions as follows: 4¾ by 3¼ inches.

4 These "H's" shall be exact copies of the original patterns filed in the physical director's office.

(The sections awarding full numerals in tennis and soccer shall be stricken out.)

Article II, Sect. C, of the Constitution shall hereafter read as follows:

1 The managers of baseball, track, tennis and soccer, and the assistant managers of football, hockey, and basketball shall be elected at the spring meeting of the Executive Council.

2 They shall be elected upon the basis of competition subject to the following regulations:

a. All freshmen becoming candidates for the above named positions shall file their names with the secretary of the Council before May 15 of their freshman year. Candidates may also enroll not later than one week after the opening of college, but only by special permission of the Council. The list of names shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

b. The candidates shall be numbered and listed in order by lot. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Council, or other designated undergraduate member to assign candidates to each sport twice weekly in the order listed, and in number sufficient for the needs of the manager in that sport.

c. The election of men to the above-named managerships and assistant managerships shall be by the Executive Council of this Association. To assist the Council in its elections each manager and each coach shall, wtihout conference or discussion, prepare and present to the Council a signed statement of his personal opinion concerning the relative merits of the candidates; nor shall he disclose his selection to anyone, previous to the Council meeting.

d. The candidate receiving first place in the election shall be given his choice of any of the managerships or assistant managerships previously mentioned in this section of Article II. The second shall receive second choice and so forth.

e. The managers and assistant managers of Musical Clubs, Charlaans and Debate shall be elected by the Executive Council upon direct nomintion of the manager on the basis of competition.

f. The managership of fencing shall go to the captain of that sport by virtue of his captaincy.

1924 COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEES APPOINTED

At a meeting of the senior class held last Saturday, Dec. 1, President McGiffin appointed the following committees:

Class Day: Kittell, chairman; R. C. Wood, Johnson.

Senior Ball: Meehan, chairman; Bates, Fuess.

Gifts: Riedel, chairman; Nesbit, Lewi.

Cap and Gown: Olver, chairman; Baer, Culver.

General Administration, including Commencement Day activities: Moore, chairman; Brush, Hamilton.

Banquet: Pottle, chairman; Marks, Brownell.

BATES ELECTED LEADER OF INSTRUMENTAL CLUB

On account of the death of his father recently, Philip Higbie Dowdell, '24, of Brooklyn, has been forced to leave college and tender his resignation as leader of the Instrumental Club. His loss will be keenly felt, yet it is generally conceded that an able successor has been chosen in the person of Lounsbury Danforth Bates, '24, of Jamaica, L. I. Dowdell and Bates are both members of Aipha Delta Phi fraternity.

Bates is expected to capably fill his predecessor's shoes, and to carry on the latter's plans for the present season. "Biff," as he is familiarly known about college, is a prominent figure in undergraduate activities.

As yet the program for the approaching season has not been announced, but anyone who attends a practice of the Instrumental Club will feel assured that whatever the Club plays will be done well.

LAST YEAR'S HOCKEY CAPTAIN NOW COACHING JAMAICA HIGH

Watson M. ("Tommy") Thompson star center and captain of last year's hockey team, is now coaching the Jamaica High team of which he was captain before entering Hamilton. This school has for several years held the Interscholastic Hockey Championship of Greater New York. When Willis Thompson, "Tommy's" brother, enters college next fall, he will be the fourth Jamaica High captain that we have received in as many ears. "Tommy," "Russ" Thompson an' "Biff" Bates, the popular captain of our present team, are all products of the Long Island school.

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NOTICES

The Fifty-sixth Annual Dinner of the Hamilton College Alumni Association of New York will be held at the Hotel Savoy on January 18th, 1924.

Alumni who recently moved into the Metropolitan District, or who did not receive Dinner notices last year, though living near or in New York, are requested to notify the Secretary of their present addresses.

HARRY C. BATES, '12, Sec'y,
1 Madison Ave., New York.

All material for the new Hamilton Lit must be handed in to Editor Jones by Dec. 8.

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR 1925 JUNIOR PROM

Committee at Work on Arrangements for Annual Affair on Jan. 31, Feb. 1,2—Commons to be Scene Again

As yet nothing definite has been done about arrangements for the 1925 'unior Prom. It was only last week that the committee was assured that the affair would receive the support of the majority of the crowds on the Hill. The proposition of having Prom in the spring and eliminating spring party met with some disfavor and the committee is therefore now planning to have Junior Week on January 31, February 1 and 2. Prom itself will take place on Friday evening, the first.

The committee has, however, decided on the place, which is the Soper Hall of Commons. The 1924 Prom was held here last year. Chairman George H. Kittell has several letters out at the present time in an effort to engage a first-class orchestra. Among those with whom he has been negiotiating are Wes Thomas' orchestra from Ithaca; Meyerhoff's from Albany, who played at the last Prom; the Garber-Davis orchestra, which is now making Victor records; and Jack Todd's from Cornell, who played at the last Commencement Ball under the name of Tige Jewett's.

The various sub-committees on decorations, entertainment, catering, patronesses and chaperones, booths, favors and tickets are to begin active work this week. The committee plans to complete the major details as much as possible before the Christmas holidays.

The Chi Psis have decided to eliminate the winter party. The committee personnel is as follows: George H. Kittell, chairman, Delta Upsilon; Howard M. Bingham, Sigma Phi; John F. Kaiser, Alpha Delta Phi; Douglas D. Hays, Psi Upsilon; Philip G. Scott, Delta Kappa Epsilon; Harold H. Hastings, Theta Delta Chi; Morris B. Mahannah, Emerson Literary Society; Leroy H. Connell, Beta Kappa; John D. Griffiths, Neutrals.

WRITING SUBJECTS FOR 1923-24

The list of subjects for prize orations and essays for this year is as follows:

Head Prize—Hamilton's Distrust of the Common People.

Pruyn Medal—Latin America, the College Man's Opportunity.

Kirkland Prize—The Ethics of Sinai and of the Sermon on the Mount.

The Clark Prize list has appeared in a previous issue of Life.

Essay Prizes

Cobb (open to all)—Henry Watterson and Whitelaw Reid, writers of the Old School.

Kellogg (junior)—The Atlantic Monthly and American Literature; The Social Creed of John Galsworthy.

Hutton (sophomore)—Legends of the Holy Sepulchre in the Middle Ages.

Kellogg (sophomore)—Prehistoric Yucatan.

Kellogg (freshman)—The Genesis of Railroads in New York State; The Business Genius of Henry Ford.

Orations and Essays are due to be handed in at the President's office at 12 o'clock on Saturday, May 3. No paper will be received later than that hour.

In addition to the subjects listed for Clark Prize, a competitor may write on any subject that has previously been set for a Clark Prize provided it has not appeared on a program. He may also write on a subject of his own choosing provided he submits such subject to the Committee of the Faculty in writing and obtain its approval.

Fur further details of these contests, see the College Catalog.

BASKETBALL TEAM PREPARING FOR ST. LAWRENCE

Coaches Rounding Team into Shape for Contest with Up-Staters—Large Number of Veterans Big Aid—McGiffin Out of Line-up

GAME TO BE PLAYED DEC. 14

On December 14, the basketball team meets St. Lawrence on the Hamilton court. A fast game is expected. St. Lawrence will try hard to make up for the 26-24 defeat she took from Hamilton here last season. This is the only game scheduled for the varsity prior to the Christmas recess. After three weeks of practice to date, and with nearly two weeks more before the game, Coach Carroll will have a strong team to represent the Buff and Blue.

With more than half of last year's varsity back, and with additional material, including candidates from the freshman class, a good team is assured. Hamilton and McGiffin, playing in their former positions as guards, promise a strong defense. For the practice games Hatch has been playing Garner's position of center. Holly Marquardt has been showing up well as forward. Howk is one of the most promising candidates from the freshman class. He has been practicing with the first team, filling the position of the remaining forward. In addition to this group, who will probably constitute the first line-up, Croasdaile and Payne have been doing good work. One of these men may be substituted in case McGiffin, who has been having trouble with his ankle, will not be able to play in the first game. Others who are promising material include Holley, Ireland, Ellis, and of the freshmen, Springman, Capron, Doane, Marquardt, Stanley and Thomas.

It is too soon to decide what freshmen are going to form their class team. In addition to those mentioned there are about twenty more competing for places on the team. Most of the practice so far has been devoted to the first team, and the first-year men have had little time for individual practice. Practice for the freshmen at night will be started soon. There will be several class games, and the freshman team will play neighboring high school teams, although the schedule will not include as many games as last year. As yet no contracts for freshman-high school games have been drawn up.

The schedule for the varsity games of the season is as follows:

Home—Dec. 14: St. Lawrence; Dec. 17: St. Bonaventure; Jan. 11: Rochester; Jan. 19: Union; Feb. 1: Albright; Feb. 8: R. P. I.; Feb. 13: Colgate.

Away—Jan. 16: Colgate; Feb. 16: Rochester; Feb. 20: Albany Law; Feb. 21: St. Stephens; Feb. 22: Manhattan College; Feb. 23: Stevens Institute; Mar. 1: Union.

Coach desires that all men who are reporting know that only the freshmen will report for practice next week.

NEW ISSUE OF GABOON WILL BE OUT THIS WEEK

The Christmas number of the Royal Gaboon is scheduled to appear some time the latter part of this week. A sprightly Yuletide cover has been proided by Art Editor Lent and by all indications the issue should be one of the best that has appeared so far. An unusual number of contributions have been received from men not on the board, and the editorial staff hopes that this gratifying awakening of interest in the production of the magazine will continue.

As the Prom issue goes to press shortly after the end of the Christmas holidays, copy must be in within the first week in January; and it is earnestly urged that contributors should get in as much work as possible now, so that it will not all pile up in a few days. The Art Staff especially requests all men who can draw at all to try their hand.

Recent elections to the Royal Gaboon board have been John C. Toaz, '25, and Harold J. Michaels, '26.

—Arthur G. Courteau, member of the Sophomore class, has been pledged by the Emerson Literary Society.

—Cleveland B. Chase, '23, is studying for a Master's degree at the Sorbonne in Paris. Chase is a member of the American basketball team of Paris, composed of former American college and university players residing in the French capitol, which has met some of the best quintets in France.

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The 1923 Season.

At last football seems to be coming into its own at Hamilton. The report of Manager Wood for the football season of 1923 showed a net profit for the season for the first time since the sport has been given recognition. Considering the rather adverse season which the team has suffered, this report is very gratifying.

In other colleges the receipts from the football games net enough profit to carry through all the other teams. In some of the larger universities the football profits have been large enough to build and equip necessary buildings, beside supporting all the other activities. The time seems to be at hand when Hamilton will be able to have a fair share of profit.

Manager Wood deserves much commendation for the excellent start that he has made.

Back to Normalcy.

Supporters of Hamilton's policy of keeping football on a strictly amateur basis will be pleased to know that once again public opinion is swinging towards that direction. There used to be a time when football teams were made up of men that came to college primarily to get an education and not to play football. Within the last twenty years many colleges, in an effort to gain better publicity, have resorted to various methods of getting good football material. Hamilton has kept strictly to the old ideal and the result has been a decrease in the fortunes of the Buff and Blue.

A recent editorial in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle seems to reflect the trend of public opinion. It reads as follows:

Football as a Business

With something like 180 college football games played on Saturday, with millions of people in attendance and taking in millions of dollars in admissions, the business side of football is assuming tremendous importance in college economy. The temptation for fresh water colleges to create "winning teams" by all sorts of devious devices and send them cavorting about the country to reap laurels and shekels regardless of ethics and scholarship is almost irresistible. Nor has it been resisted.

People are asking why minor college teams are beating big college teams with growing frequency. There are several reasons. The big colleges have a strict set of rules governing eligibility. Members of the eleven must be regular students in good standing. Beginning next season they will not even play a man who has ever gone to another college. They maintain strict scholarship standards for members of the elevens, who must keep up with their college work, even when on tour. Their agreement provides for only one week of football practice before college opens. The slightest suspicion of professionalism bars a man from the team.

On the other hand, there are colleges in which football has almost become an industry. They count on the development of a winning team to bring in money for stadiums, gymnasiums, and certain college activities not even related to atheletics. The footaball income of a winning team is tremendous. Harvard, which has kept down the price of football tickets, and with a stadium much smaller than the Yale Bowl, will take in close to $400,000 this season. The athletic committee expects to build a new swimming tank at the Hemenway Gymnasium and to support all the other sports out of football receipts. And Harvard has tried to keep its football income down.

Professional football teams are becoming more and more numerous and there is a suspicion that certain colleges are closing an eye to the regular weekend disappearances of some of their best football players. When a young chap working his way through college can make $200 by playing in a Sunday football game under an assumed name he faces temptation hard to resist.

The time is coming when the big college teams will be more careful in choosing their football friends. The growing public interest in college football has surrounded it with a professional atmosphere in spite of everything the big college authorities have done. Colleges that carry their teams on two-thousand-mile journeys week after week for the sake of income and advertising are emphasizing the professional atmosphere. Unless they are careful they may soon find that they can get games only with those colleges that consider football income of more importance than football ethics.

Intercollegiate Debate.

If there is any particular branch of intercollegiate activity in which Hamilton ought to excell, that branch is intercollegiate debate. We are particularly fitted here at Hamilton, by reason of the stress laid on Public Speaking, to produce debating teams that should be the equal of any college team in the country. But, unfortunately, intercollegiate debating has been of secondary importance.

Several reasons might be ascribed to this. The most outstanding one is the lack of interest shown in it by the members of the undergraduate body. The number of men who have tried out for the varsity squad has been small and only a few recruits have been added from year to year. Also the colleges that have been met on the forensic platform have been of mediocre calibre as far as debating has been concerned.

The schedule has been made up of four or five, or at the most six, nearby colleges which have been met during the first month or so of the second semester.

There is no other activitie which can give to the men participating in it more real benefit than debating. The training one receives on the athletic field is only temporary, and does not last through later life, except possibly the lessons of good sportsmanship. With debating, however, it is different. The ability to think quickly on one's feet, once learned, lasts throughout life. It enables men to think quickly and clearly, and also increases self-confidence. It enables men to present their case in a forceful manner, to concentrate on the intricate points of an argument, and gives a keener sense of values.

At the recent meeting of the executive council the amount of money appropriated for intercollegiate debating was pitifully small, in comparison with the amounts appropriated for athletics. Why not give more recognition to that activity in which Hamilton can, and does excell?

The time has come when debating should be given the support it ought to receive. Let us have better schedules, more financial support and above all keener interest in intercollegiate debating. The tryouts for the team are to be held soon; let us have some real competition.

PEPPER AND SALT

Elihu Root, so the story goes, likes to tell about the cleverness of one Cornelius. A native Clintonian died leaving 17 live turkeys to be divided among his three sons. To the eldest he gave one-half; to the second one-third; and to the third one-ninth. Before the axe was raised to divide the turkey flock into 8 1-2, 52-3 and 1 8-9 respectively, Cornelius Husk, the local lawyer was called in. He drove one of his turkeys into the yard with the seventeen, then he called each brother to take his share. The eldest took nine; the second took six; and the third took two. Thus each son apparently got more than he expected, and the lawyer drove his turkey home again.

(From the Wall Street Journal)

NOTICE

In order to complete the movie program that has been planned by the Y. M. C. A., every man in college must co-operate by signing up.

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THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

The Ninth Quadrennial International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement is to be held at Indianapolis, December 28, 1923 to January 1, 1924. Over 5,000 students and professors from more than 1,000 American and Canadian colleges and universities will gather to discuss the modern world movement of Christianity with particular emphasis on the progress of Christian thought and life over-seas. Outstanding leaders of student thought from many lands will address the convention on the burning issues of modern industrialism, on radical and international relations, on social and intellectual unrest now almost universal, on the problems of war as a method of settling international disputes, on the education of the will of the world for peace.

Student thought and ideals of a decade ago have been rejected or revised, arm chair philosophizing about the critical needs of a very much puzzled world will not be the indoor sport of a lot of hazy dreamers and fanatics. On the contrary the most practical methods of getting results in terms of better human relationships, better working conditions and better international understanding will be discussed by forward-looking men and women from our greatest centers of learning. There will be sessions given over wholly to forums and discussions. There will be a direct and frank effort on the part of those responsible for the program to develop a world consciousness and to train for world citizenship the leaders of the coming generation of Christian men and women—not only by clearly presenting the need and opportunity for distinctively Christian service over-seas but for showing the relation of the world wide work of Christianity to the welfare of our country.

The Student Volunteer Movement has been very much alive and on the map for thirty-seven years. More than ten thousand members of the movement are today at work overseas training the less favored peoples of the world for participation in the progress of Christian civilization with all its wealth of culture and opportunity. The number of these ambassadors of good will from Christian America to foreign nations is increased every year by more than a thousand members of the Movement.

This international gathering has been preceded during the past year by thirty-nine smaller Conferences in various parts of United States and Canada at which 10,000 students have been present; and preparation for informed participation in the discussions at Indianapolis has been made through several carefully planned study courses used widely among thoughtful students during recent months. These indicate the scope of this movement and significance of the International Convention: Internationalism and War, Race Relationships, World Economic Conditions; and Youth and Renaissance Movement.

This meeting at Indianapolis will be almost as representative as the League of Nations. About forty nations will be represented by their nationals, and in practically every case the situation in a given country will be presented by a man or woman who is a citizen of that country. It is planned to give a clear and comprehensive understanding of the fundamental needs not of folks in general, but of the most important nations in particular. The Convention is thus designed as an approach to the problems engaging the attention of wide-awake students all over the world, and the leaders of the Movement are expecting that there will be in the delegations going to Indianapolis the sort of men and women who have attended previous Quadrennial Conventions and who have found in the Conventions not only the largest and the most representative student gatherings of any kind held on the continent, but a source of guidance and inspiration for the largest service in the entire world.

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Yet the ninety-four presumably work just as hard as the sumptuous six. Their business is the axis on which a small and uninteresting world revolves. They have become devotees of the dollar and when that fickle deity deserts, have nowhere else to turn. Jammed in a dull, straight rut of business they can never leave the road and jump the fence into finer fields of life. This, then, is the portion of ninety-four men out of every hundred now on the campus.

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An Irish editor can see no reason why women should not be allowed to become medical men.

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It is said that Brigham Young's eldest son is about to marry a newly established female seminary on the Hudson River.

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An old lady, writing to her son at a Western college, warns him to beware of bilious saloons and bowel alleys.

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A Junior, hearing that there were many fissures in glaciers, wanted to know if they caught many fish.

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What agonies must that poet have endured who, writing of his love, asserted in his manuscript that he "kissed her under the silent stars," and found that the compositor had made him declare that he "kicked her under the cellar stairs."

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"Bedad, thin," says Patrick, "the first bird I saw was a porcupine. I shot at him with my spade, and the first time I hit him I missed him. The second time I hit him, I hit him where I missed him the first time."

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Strange to say, this college is not perfect, despite the desire of the faculty to make it so.

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The faculty is seriously considering adding "The Voluntary Class Attendance System" to the List of Clark Prize Subjects. A discussion and declamation on different occasions both went towards making up "on the whole a very good chapel" last week.

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Our friend Vail recently proclaimed in true Lanrowitzian style that he attained the highest mark in Bill's intelligence test. There may be something in inheriting a trait from a room after all. When does the fake suicide stunt come off, Curt?

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OLIPHANT WILL COACH OLYMPICS

In the closing session of the Nation Amateur Athletic Union convention held in Detroit last Tuesday, Elmer Q. Oliphant, Director of Athletics at Union College, was recommended as one of a dozen coaches to accompany the American Olympic team going to Paris this year. Lawson Robertson of the University of Pennsylvania was chosen to be recommended to the American Olympic Committee as head track and field coach. Oliphant, as present of the Adirondack section of the A. A. U., attended the convention, representing this section.

The re-election of William C. Prout of Boston as president of the National A. A. U., the acceptance of more than 100 American records, the adoption of a more lenient attitude towards Charles Paddock, and the selection of Atlantic City for the annual convention of 1924, the admission of the National Horse Shoe Pitchers' Association and the National Ski Association to membership, were among the more important actions of the convention.

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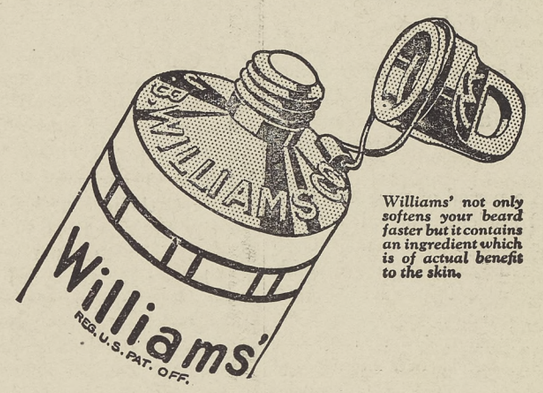

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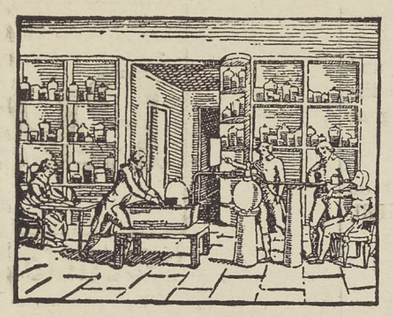

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Forty-five Years Ago

Apparently college closed considerably later for the freshmen were required to get up a celebration on the Fourth of July. It took the form of a huge bonfire during the day and a a dance. As there were to be no la- show in the evening. Later they had dies present at the show the upperclassmen were very skeptical as to the nature of it, despite the "high moral character" of the freshman class.

Transportation to Utica was a great problem in those days. Prior to this time, the students were obliged to travel from Clinton to Utica at the majestic rate of three miles an hour in a horse car. It was necessary to leave the Hill at 3 o'clock to be in Utica in time for supper. They had to start for the Hill at 10 o'clock on Saturday evenings. This year they welcomed the prospect of steam communication in the near future between Clinton and Utica. Utica would probably soon be visited at least three times a year.

This was a period of progress. Public spirited students started a movement for a college gymnasium. True, there was a large, barn-like, dilapidated structure that had served as a gym, but it did not begin to fill the need of the student body. They felt that "so intimately are mental and physical culture related, so much does the fullest attainment of the former depend upon a proper attention to the latter, that the time has long since gone to question the utility or deny the necessity of a place for physical training in connection with every college....New dormitories and enlarged libraries can wait, but we must have a gymnasium."

Boxing was one of their forms of recreation. In Hamilton Literary it was reported "The study of the 'manly art of self-defense' has many enthusiasts just now, and the 'claret' flows freely. Every one who hasn't boxing gloves of his own, borrows; and all of us can 'hit out straight from the shoulder' " The sport was revived in consequence of the regained health of one of their professors. A class was being organized to take a systematic course of boxing lessons from Mr. Doyle, an experienced trainer from Yale.

Novel reading was frowned upon by some of the churches in the vicinity. Their ministers considered that "novel reading hardens the heart; perverts the sympathies; cultivates bad passions, and is anti-religious in its tendencies....read only classics." Times certainly have changed.

Much of the social life of the students seemed to center in the various girls' schools and seminaries in Clinton. There was the Cottage Seminary, the Barrett Browning School, the Houghton Seminary, Mrs. Marr's Select School, and the White Seminary. Quite often the fellows went down to serenade the girls. Dinner bells and long tin horns were the conventional instruments. The girls came to expect this attention. Many of the fellows found it convenient to be in Clinton when the girls came out for their afternoon walks. Every year most of the schools gave an entertainment to which a few of the favored students were invited. There they were entertained by hearing some of the girls read essays and recite poetry. As a rare treat someone would play the piano. Afterwards refreshments were served. Swallow tails were the approved dress. The fellows on the Hill looked with scorn upon the favored ones who received these invitations, but no one was ever known to refuse

WITH THE CLUBS

NEWMAN CLUB

At the Newman Club meeting last Friday evening at Sigma Phi Hall, Father Dwyer of Clinton lectured on the "Apologetics," and F. H. Meehan, '24, president of the club, talked on the Jesuits. At the next meeting, on Thursday, Dec. 13, at Sigma Phi Hall, Francis E. Curran, '24, will talk on the Franciscan fathers in Mexico and California, and Father Dwyer will continue his lectures on the "Apologetics."

Talking on the "Apologetics," Father Dwyer discussed reasons for the belief that there is a God, with the arguments which philosophers have given pro and con. He then presented the Catholic viewpoint on the matter. He said that some cause must have started the chain of events and this cause is God. That conscience is an evidence of God's existence was Cardinal Newman's favorite theory. "We don't mind if a horse sees us do something wrong, but our conscience does distinguish between right and wrong." Therefore, conscience is something divine.

Father Dwyer pointed out that the Roman Catholic church does not necessarily think that evolution is false. Since it is a theory not a fact, we may believe it. So called "perpetual evolution" however, is a contradiction, since evolution postulates a beginning and therefore an end.

"Chick" Meehan reported on Francis Parkman's "Jesuits in North America". He started with the foundations of the order by Saint Ignatius Loyola. It is the hardest of all orders to enter, all the men being picked. The first two Jesuits who came to Quebec from France had to live in a miserable hut. A year later four more Jesuits came over with Father Lejeune as Superior. They learned the Algonquin language and finally converted most of the Hurons and eventually European kings sent over more priests to convert "New France."

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Emerson Hall. Peter B. Daymont, '26, Douglas Chretien, '26, and Gilman L. Sessions, '25, will read papers on the private life of the Romans.

BIOLOGY CLUB

Biology Club meetings have been postponed until after Christmas.

GERMAN CLUB

The German Club meeting scheduled for last week probably will be held some night this week. The date will be announced in Chapel. Dr. Hauch will give an illustrated lecture in the biology lecture room. He will lecture on Busch, the originator of such publications as "Life," "Punch," and "Judge." Following his lecture the club will have a business meeting at Chi Psi Lodge.

DISCUSSION CLUB

The Discussion Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 6, at Sigma Phi Hall, unless otherwise announced.

FOILSMEN WORKING HARD UNDER COACH GELAS

(Continued on Page 4)

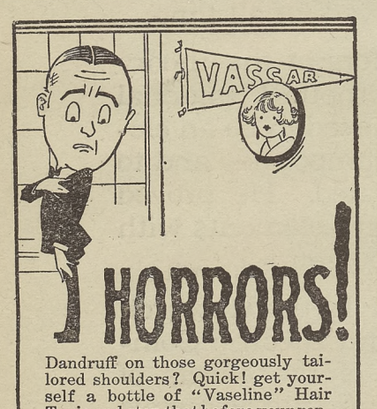
meets. Captain Ogilvie and Johnson, '24, formed last year's sabre combination; D. Kittell and Carl Stevens, '24, handled the duelling swords; G. Kittell, F. Scovel, W. Packer, and P. G. Scott, '25, composed the foils team. Carl Stevens is the only man not back this year and there will be a close contest for the vacant place on duelling swords. Gregory, Soper, and Scovel, '25, and Ogden, '26, all work with the epee. It would be difficult to pick men for the final choice for there is keen competition for places in all three weapons. In sabres Seelye, '24, and Kutz, '25, with two years' training back of them, are showing up well this season.

The sabre team made a very good showing at the Intercollegiates—as a team the men advanced to the semi-finals and Johnson advanced to the individual semi-finals. The duelling swordsmen and foils men broke about even. This year's intensive training ought to show itself in the column of meets won. This Christmas the men who live in the vicinity of New York City will work out during the vacation at the New York Athletic Club and the Fencers' Club, in order to gain more bout experience.

New equipment ordered from France has arrived and is in use. With this new equipment, which is of a better sort, the team has weapons that rate well with the equipment of other League members.

The schedule for meets this year has not been completed. Such arrangements are handled directly through the secretary of the League and have been somewhat held back by the necessity of a second election after the meeting in New York. Announcement of definite plans will be made shortly. Through lack of funds trips will be confined to a small area, although most of our opponents are at a distance as Harvard, Dartmouth, Yale, U. of P., and the Navy. Meets with Columbia, West Point, and Cornell will probably be negotiated and efforts made to secure a home meet at Dartmouth on their western trip. The team will enter the Intercollegiate meet, which will be held in New York some time during the Easter vacation. In all probability no meets will be held before February.

Coach is developing material from the two under classes. A squad of about ten sophomores have been carried over from last year and this year's freshman squad numbered 40. All these men are having three lessons a week. All the men on the entire squad were received by Coach Gelas without any previous training and he deserves much credit for his work.



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